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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

Annual Meeting: Travelling Arrangements.

MEMBERS intending to be present at the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association at Bradford in July next will be glad to learn that the railway companies have agreed to issue return tickets at the cost of a single fare and a third. The concession applies to all railway companies in Great Britain (but not in Ireland), and the tickets will be available from July 16th to July 28th. They will be issued only upon production of a special voucher signed by the Financial Secretary of the British Medical Association, to whom application should be made in due course.

Constitution of the Scottish Board of Health.

The Reorganization of Offices (Scotland) Bill, which was introduced into the last Parliament but not proceeded with, and which was commented on in the JOURNAL in August last, was reintroduced in the House of Lords on March 11th, though its second reading has now been postponed indefinitely. The Board as at present constituted should consist of six members, of whom two shall be registered medical practitioners. The bill proposes to reduce the number of members to three and to abolish all qualification. It also proposes to abolish the office of Parliamentary Under Secretary for Health. The Scottish Committee of the British Medical Association is co-operating with other bodies in Scotland in protesting against these departures from the understanding which was arrived at on the occasion of the passing of the Scottish Board of Health Act, and the Secretary for Scotland has been asked to receive a deputation.

Scottish Poor Law Medical Officers.

Acute dissatisfaction with their conditions of service exists among Scottish Poor Law medical officers. Salaries which were never generous are now, in most cases, absurdly inadequate, especially in industrial areas, since not only has the ordinary work increased, but free medical attendance is now offered to the unemployed and their dependants by the Poor Law Emergency Acts, and this additional work has been put upon the Poor Law medical officers with little or no additional remuneration. Matters have reached a crisis in Clydebank, where the four medical officers, after a long and fruitless effort to obtain redress of their grievances, have tendered their resignations. The resignations take effect in three months' time, but the officers have already ceased to give attendance to persons who do not come under the original Poor Law Act. The parish council, in order to secure a service for dependants of the unemployed, has been reluctantly compelled to adopt a system of payment by attendance on a scale fixed by the local Division of the British Medical Association. The other doctors in the town, acting through the Division, are loyally supporting the medical officers, and it is confidently expected that the parish council will offer reasonable terms. The Clydebank doctors are to be congratulated on the stand they have made, and they have been assured of the full support of the Association.

Assistants and Income Tax.

An interesting question affecting assistants has just been brought to the notice of the British Medical Association by a medical man who has been an indoor assistant in private practice for several years. His salary, exclusive of board and lodging, is £400 per annum. The firm in which he is engaged recently employed an accountant for the purpose of income tax return, and it seems that the accountant, in making the return, added the value of emoluments (board and lodging) to the assistant's salary, the result being that he was assessed on the value of his salary *plus* emoluments, instead of on salary alone. Fortunately for him, he sought the Association's advice, and was told that his assessment was faulty and that he could not be taxed on emoluments received in kind. As a result of representations made to the income tax surveyor in the light of the information he had obtained, a fresh assessment has been made which takes into account the salary only, the net result being that he has been saved a sum of £33 1s. 6d.

Before consulting the Association this medical man had made representations to the Income Tax Commissioners, in which he pointed out that he did not understand why he was now being assessed on his emoluments whereas previously he had only been assessed on salary, and he was told that the emoluments were counted as a bonus. It is therefore possible that other doctors have been treated in this way, and, having been told by those who are supposed to know that the assessment was in order, have paid up without going any further into the matter. Medical practitioners employed as assistants are therefore advised to scrutinize their assessments, and if they are in any doubt as to whether these are in order or not they are invited to consult the Medical Secretary, who will be glad to give them his opinion.

Chauffeurs and the Unemployment Insurance Act.

In connexion with the position of doctors' chauffeurs an interesting case has just arisen. The doctor in question keeps several cars, but only makes use of his chauffeur for driving the cars which are not used for professional purposes; when he is on his rounds he invariably drives himself. Being in some doubt as to whether he had to pay unemployment contributions or not he approached his member of Parliament, who obtained for him a ruling from the Ministry of Labour, which is that as his chauffeur does not drive him on his rounds there is no need for him to pay unemployment contributions. The chauffeur in this

particular case washes the car which is used for professional purposes and gets it ready for the doctor, but it is the actual driving of a doctor on his professional rounds which brings the chauffeur within the scope of the Act. This information may be useful to other practitioners, though probably there are not many in the happy position of the one who raised the point.

Association Notices.

OFFICIAL DATES.

April 16, Wed.	Council.
April 28, Mon.	Last day for receipt at Head Office of nominations for election of 24 members of Council by grouped Home Branches, and for election of 2 Public Health Service members of Council and 4 Public Health Service Representatives in Representative Body.
May 3, Sat.	Annual Report of Council appears in SUPPLEMENT.
May 10, Sat.	Publication in SUPPLEMENT of list of nominations for election of members of Council by grouped Home Branches and of Public Health Service members of Council and Representatives.
May 10, Sat.	Voting papers issued for election of members of Council by grouped Home Branches, and of Public Health Service members of Council and Representatives.
May 13, Tues.	Independent motions for Annual Representative Meeting Agenda due at Head Office.
May 15, Thur.	Voting papers, for election of member of Council to represent West Indian and Canadian Group of Branches, due at Head Office.
May 17, Sat.	Last day for receipt at Head Office of voting papers for election, where there are contests, of members of Council by grouped Home Branches, and of Public Health Service members of Council and Representatives.
May 17, Sat.	Publication in SUPPLEMENT of Provisional Agenda of A.R.M., including independent motions.
May 17, Sat.	Representatives and Deputy Representatives must be elected by this date.
May 31, Sat.	Publication in SUPPLEMENT of results of Council elections by grouped Branches.
May 31, Sat.	Nomination papers available (at Head Office) for election of 12 members of Council by grouped Home Representatives.
June 5, Thur.	Names of Representatives and Deputy Representatives due at Head Office.
June 11, Wed.	Council.
June 28, Sat.	Supplementary Report of Council appears in SUPPLEMENT.
July 4, Fri.	Amendments and riders for A.R.M. Agenda due at Head Office.
July 18, Fri.	Annual Representative Meeting, Bradford, 10 a.m.
July 18, Fri.	Nominations for election of 12 members of Council by grouped Representatives due (at A.R.M., Bradford) by this date.
July 19, Sat.	Annual Representative Meeting, Bradford.
July 21, Mon.	Council, Bradford.
July 21, Mon.	Annual Representative Meeting, Bradford.
July 22, Tues.	Annual Representative Meeting, Annual General Meeting, and President's Address, Bradford.
July 23, Wed.	Council, Conference of Honorary Secretaries, Meetings of Sections, etc., Bradford.
July 24, Thur.	Meetings of Sections, etc., Bradford.
July 25, Fri.	Meetings of Sections, etc., Bradford.

ALFRED COX, *Medical Secretary.*

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CAMBERWELL DIVISION.—An ordinary meeting of the Camberwell Division will be held at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9th, at Camberwell Infirmary. Mr. John Everidge, F.R.C.S., will read a paper on Haematuria: Its Causes, Significance, and Treatment.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—A meeting of the City Division will be held at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, on Tuesday, April 8th, at 9.30 p.m. Dr. T. H. G. Shore, Curator of Museum, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, will show pathological specimens with short clinical notes of the cases. An excellent attendance is hoped for. The dinner and fancy dress dance (fancy dress optional) of the Division will be held on Thursday, April 10th, at 7.30 p.m., at the Holborn Restaurant. Dancing until 2 a.m. There will be four prizes—two for ladies and two for gentlemen, one in each class for home-made costumes costing not more than 15s. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the Executive Committee and also from the Secretary, Dr. W. E. A. Worley, 43, De Beauvoir Road, N.1, price 15s. each.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: KENSINGTON DIVISION.—An address will be given on Tuesday, April 15th, at the Kensington Palace Mansions Hotel, De Vere Gardens, W.8, at 8.45 p.m., by the Rev. the Hon. Edward Lyttelton, D.D., late Headmaster of Eton, entitled "Food, Health, and Morals."

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.—A meeting of the South Middlesex Division will be held at the St. John's Hospital, Twickenham, on Tuesday, April 29th, at 3.30 p.m., for general business. At 3.45 p.m. Dr. G. F. Buchan, M.O.H. Willesden Urban District, will read a paper. Tea will be provided.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH: BUCKINGHAMSHIRE DIVISION.—A clinical meeting of the Buckinghamshire Division will be held at the War Memorial Hospital, High Wycombe, at 3 p.m., on Wednesday, April 9th, when cases will be shown and a discussion on various subjects of clinical interest, initiated by Sir Joseph Skevington, K.C.V.O., will take place.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: SWANSEA DIVISION.—The Swansea Division will entertain the Branch, of which Dr. A. Clarke Begg is president, at a social gathering to be held at Langland Bay Hotel, on Tuesday, May 20th. The reception will commence at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be provided during the afternoon, and tea (sit down) will commence at 5 o'clock. The Manhattan Band will be in attendance for those who wish to dance. There are public lawn tennis courts in the grounds.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: WINCHESTER DIVISION.—A meeting of the Winchester Division will be held at the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, on Wednesday, April 9th, at 3 p.m., when Mr. Paul Jenner Verrall, F.R.C.S., will give a British Medical Association Lecture.

SUFFOLK BRANCH: SOUTH SUFFOLK DIVISION.—A meeting of the South Suffolk Division will be held on Friday, April 11th, at 3.30 p.m., in the Board Room of the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital. Agenda: Election of Deputy Representative in the Representative Body; consider report and following recommendation of Executive Committee as to the proposed appointment of assistant tuberculosis officer for the county of East Suffolk—

> That in the opinion of the South Suffolk Division no medical practitioner within the area of the Division should apply for an appointment as assistant tuberculosis officer under the Administrative County of East Suffolk at a lower rate of remuneration than £600 per annum, exclusive of travelling or other official expenses, or continue to hold such appointment made after July 23rd, 1923, at a lower rate of remuneration than stated above.

Mr. R. Charles, F.R.C.S., will demonstrate surgical cases and invite discussion.

SURREY BRANCH: GUILDFORD DIVISION.—A clinical meeting of the Guildford Division will be held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, on Thursday, May 1st, at 4.30 p.m., when the surgical staff of the hospital will show surgical cases.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: WAKEFIELD, PONTEFRACT, AND CASTLEFORD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division will be held at the Bull Restaurant, Westgate, Wakefield, on Thursday, April 17th, at 8 p.m., when Mr. J. W. Thomson, surgeon to the Clayton Hospital, will speak on the Treatment of Haemorrhoids. Supper will be provided (charge 2s. 6d.).

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY DIVISION.

A VERY successful meeting of the Dumfries and Galloway Division was held in the Royal Infirmary, Dumfries, on March 27th, when, after the routine business, Dr. BRYSON of Thornhill read a very instructive paper on the diagnosis of diphtheria, in which he gave, after a lucid and up-to-date account of the disease, his own personal experiences, comparing the treatment before and after the introduction of antitoxin. He especially emphasized the importance of using this remedy when the clinical symptoms warranted, rather than waiting for the results of bacteriological examination. DRS. RITCHIE, SYME, LIVINGSTON, ROBSON, CARLYLE, SANDERS, DERRICK, and HUNTER took part in the subsequent discussion. Dr. LIVINGSTON showed several cases of men operated on for enlarged prostate, together with the removed glands. He also showed some specimens of cases treated for ectopic gestation and an interesting specimen of a large portion of the spine of a fish removed from a rectum where it caused retention of urine. Dr. C. STEWART showed specimens of phosphatic calculi of a large size removed from a man in whom they recurred four times. Tea closed a most successful and well attended meeting.

DUNDEE BRANCH.

A MEETING of the Dundee Branch was held in University College, Dundee, on March 13th, when Dr. ANGUS MACGILLIVRAY, President, was in the chair and there were over fifty present. Professor W. J. TULLOCH, O.B.E., gave an address on "Some aspects of tuberculosis." The points dealt with were: natural immunity, innate and acquired, to tuberculosis; sources of infection with *B. tuberculosis;* the vehicle of spread and the portal of entry; the relationship of the Koch phenomenon to the pathology of tuberculosis; serological classification of strains of tubercle bacilli by the absorption test of Castellani; prophylaxis and therapeutics, especially by so-called "antigens." The lecture was illustrated, and the thanks of the meeting were accorded to Professor Tulloch.

MIDLAND BRANCH: KESTEVEN DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Kesteven Division was held at the Abbey House, Grantham, on March 20th, when the vice-chairman, Dr. J. A. MACDONALD, was in the chair. After the meeting had nominated the officers for the ensuing twelve months, and elected the Representative in the Representative Body and Branch Council, a most interesting address was given by Mr. C. E. SHATTOCK, M.S., F.R.C.S., assistant surgeon to the Royal Free Hospital, on haematuria, in which he detailed the methods of diagnosis and treatment. The address, which was illustrated by skiagrams, was followed by a brief discussion. It was much appreciated by those present, and the attendance was extremely good considering the scattered nature of the area and the fact that this meeting was the first of its kind to be held in the Division.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: WAKEFIELD, PONTEFRACT, AND CASTLEFORD DIVISION.

THE sixth in the series of lecture meetings organized for the Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division for the present winter session 1923-24 was held in the Bull Restaurant, Wakefield, on

March 13th. Dr. W. STEVEN, Chairman of the Division, presided, and there was a good attendance of members, who listened with great interest to addresses on the treatment of diabetes by Dr. Maxwell Telling and Dr. MacAdam of Leeds.

Dr. TELLING expressed the opinion that glycosuria should always be regarded seriously, and whenever possible cases should have hospital treatment from the beginning. After describing clinical types of the disease, he emphasized the importance of the estimation of blood sugar. The objectives in treatment of diabetes were: (1) to stop glycosuria; (2) to reduce hyperglycaemia to normal blood sugar level; (3) to ascertain the blood sugar tolerance; (4) to give a diet adjusted, within the tolerance limit, to maintain the nitrogen balance; and (5) to avoid acidosis. Dr. Telling pointed out that the basic and only real curative treatment for diabetes was dietetic; and that insulin was only to be regarded as curative for temporary conditions—for example, coma—and had no place in the routine treatment of the disease. The greatest advantage that had accrued from the discovery of insulin had not been its curative effect but the focusing of attention on the whole problem of diabetes.

Dr. MACADAM followed with an address on some practical applications of recent knowledge with regard to blood sugar, dietetics, and insulin, which he illustrated by a number of interesting charts. He expressed the opinion that before starting with insulin treatment everything possible should be got out of starvation and dietetic treatment.

The CHAIRMAN, Dr. GREAVES, and Dr. SUTHERLAND took part in the discussion, which concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Drs. Maxwell Telling and MacAdam.

Insurance.

LONDON PANEL COMMITTEE.

AT the meeting of the London Panel Committee on March 25th, Dr. H. J. CARDALE presiding, the resignation of the vice-chairman of the Committee, Dr. W. Coode Adams, was announced. The Committee expressed appreciation of Dr. Adams's services, and its regret that ill health should be the cause of his resignation. Dr. E. A. Gregg was appointed to the vice-chair. To fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee, Dr. A. M. Ross and Dr. James Crowley, both of Fulham, were appointed.

Public Medical Service for the London Area.

A draft report was submitted by a special section of the Committee which had been appointed to consider the desirability of instituting a public medical service for London. The report set out a suggested scheme, comparable in the service it provided to the medical administration of the National Insurance Acts, although some variations were made to provide for extra payments for certain services or for ordinary services rendered at unusual times. The CHAIRMAN said that in such an area as London conditions varied so widely that a definite scheme applicable to all districts would not be practicable, but it was the opinion of the section that a scheme might be drawn up sufficiently elastic to admit of adaptation to any particular district. Dr. BRACKENBURY asked what significance was attached to the resolution before the Committee approving the principles of the scheme. He understood that the resolution did not commit the whole of London or any part of it to the establishment of a scheme; it indicated only that if there was to be a scheme, the scheme should be on the lines set out. He went on to urge that one of the principles of the scheme should be a measure of local option, subject to the consent of the central committee, whose business it would be to see that local schemes did not conflict with the general principle. He moved an amendment to this effect, which was seconded by Dr. STRATTON, and agreed to.

Allocation and Distribution Schemes.

The Committee considered the proposed allocation and distribution schemes outlined by the Insurance Committee, which were to become operative from April 1st. The CHAIRMAN said that these schemes embodied no radical alterations. One change was a reduction in units of credit allowed for temporary residents. Dr. BRACKENBURY said that on one of the points raised in the allocation scheme he would like to ascertain the views of the Committee. Under the system of free choice of doctor a patient might change his doctor at any time, but a doctor had not the right to change his patient at any time: he had to give a fortnight's notice. In the proposed allocation scheme, however, it was laid down that this arrangement "shall not apply in any case in which, owing to the chronic nature of the insured person's illness, medical certificates are, under the terms of the medical certification rules, being given at less frequent intervals than one week." It seemed to him that, a patient having a right to repudiate his doctor at any time, and a doctor a right to repudiate his patient at a fortnight's notice, no other obstacles need be put in the way of any change desired. Some condition of the kind set out in the scheme might be necessary in sparsely populated areas, but not in London, and it could hardly be in the interests of insured persons to bind together longer than was necessary an unwilling doctor and an unwilling patient. In Middlesex the Insurance Committee had unanimously agreed to delete a similar provision. Accordingly he moved that this clause be omitted from the allocation scheme proposed for London. This motion was agreed to, and the allocation and distribution schemes, subject to this amendment, were approved.

Excessive Prescribing.

On the report of a subcommittee which had been considering the recent communication from the Ministry of Health with regard to the procedure to be adopted in the investigation of excessive prescribing, the Committee was asked to instruct its secretary to inquire whether the information obtained for the country as a whole in the collection of data by the Ministry of Health in arriving at the standard of prescribing would be available to Panel Committees. Dr. BRACKENBURY thought that this proposed instruction arose out of a mistake as to the intention of the Ministry. The intention was to make a kind of scientific investigation into prescribing generally in different parts of the country in order to discover whether there were local customs and necessities of a quite legitimate description which explained certain disparities in the cost of prescribing in different areas. After some discussion, it was agreed to take back this proposal for further consideration.

A roster of twelve members was appointed to undertake the duties of representing the Panel Committee and accompanying the regional medical officer when practitioners were being interviewed under Article 37 of the Medical Benefit Regulations.

LONDON INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

AT the meeting of the London Insurance Committee on March 27th it was reported that the Committee had not yet been advised by the Ministry of Health with regard to the provisional determination of the central practitioners' fund in the light of the recommendation of the Court of Inquiry, because statutory authority had not yet been given to that recommendation. It was necessary, however, for the Committee to make a payment to medical practitioners during the first fourteen days of April. The Committee agreed that the payment to be made in respect of the quarter consist of an amount representing 75 per cent. of the sum estimated to be due on the basis of 9s. per insured person per annum.

Excessive Prescribing.

A case of alleged excessive prescribing, brought up on a report from the Panel Committee, gave rise to a long discussion. The Panel Committee had stated its opinion, after investigation, that the cost of drugs and appliances ordered by the practitioner concerned was in excess of what was reasonably necessary, and that the excess for the particular quarter under review amounted to £1 9s. 11d. The average cost per person of this practitioner's prescriptions was 10.49d., whereas the average for the area was 7.56d. Fifty of the prescriptions ordered chloroform water as a vehicle, whereas had the practitioner prescribed chloroform emulsion the cost would have been very much less, and the insured persons would have been not at all disadvantaged. He had also ordered pills in 5-grain doses, thereby incurring an additional dispensing fee; had he ordered them in the usual 4-grain doses this would not have been necessary. The subcommittee of the Insurance Committee, after some hesitation, recommended concurrence in the opinion of the Panel Committee, and that the practitioner be surcharged. Dr. PRING moved to refer back this recommendation. He said that the Panel Committee invariably arrogated to itself the right to dictate to a practitioner what he should order, not only the kind of drugs, but now, it appeared, the dosage. It was preposterous to fine a practitioner because he used 5-grain doses when he might have used 4-grain. As for chloroform water—an official preparation—there had been previous attempts to surcharge practitioners who used this vehicle, hitherto unsuccessful. The idea that chloroform emulsion, which contained a powerful irritant, requiring caution in use, was good enough for insured patients, was one of those things which laid the service open to criticism. Sir T. NEILL supported Dr. Pring, and said that such surcharges struck at the root of the insurance principle. If a body like the Panel Committee could exercise jurisdiction over the drugs to be used in each case, he did not see the need for the individual doctor at all. Dr. DAVID DAVIS considered that such recommendations were likely to make the medical profession apprehensive as to whether they could in certain cases prescribe as they wished. Mr. P. ROCKLIFF spoke against the subcommittee's recommendation, and Mr. H. LESSER in its favour. Dr. CARDALE defended the proposal, and said that the remarks on the deterrent effect on practitioners generally would not hold water. There had been no case sent from the Panel Committee to the Insurance Committee for surcharge on the mere ground that a costly drug had been used. There was no drug which might not be prescribed for the insured patient. In whatever form the chloroform was made up in this instance, the patient would receive the same essential drug, but the preference for the emulsion rather than for the water was to save pharmaceutical labour and space. The doctor's reasons for using 5-grain instead of 4-grain doses of the pills were quite inadequate. No one was more anxious than the speaker that insured patients should receive everything necessary for their efficient treatment.

The motion to refer back the recommendation surcharging the practitioner was then put to the Committee and carried by a large majority.

The Committee agreed to issue a revised edition of the London Insurance Pharmacopoeia; Mr. DAVIS urged that the compilers be asked to put on the cover of the new edition, in the most conspicuous position and most clearly worded, a statement that insurance practitioners were not confined, in the drugs they ordered for their patients, to those preparations given in the publication.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

SURGEON CAPTAINS H. C. WHITESIDE to the *Ganges* for R.N. Sick Quarters, Shotley; T. Creaser to the *President* for hospital course; L. M. Morris, O.B.E., to the *Victory* for Haslar Hospital.

Surgeon Commander F. G. Wilson has been placed on the retired list.

Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders S. R. Johnston to the *Britannia* for

Sick Quarters, R.N. Barracks, Dartmouth; G. W. Woodhouse to hospital ship *Maine*.

Surgeon Lieutenant R. R. Baker to the *Burslem*, temporary.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE.

Flight Lieutenant E. G. S. Hall resigns his short-service commission.

Flight Lieutenant (Honorary Squadron Leader) A. E. F. F. Huntsman relinquishes his temporary commission on account of ill health, and is granted the rank of Squadron Leader.

Flight Lieutenants T. J. Thomas to Basra Combined Hospital, Irak; J. C. Osburne to Headquarters, Irak; E. G. Howell to Headquarters, Egypt.

Flying Officer F. K. Wilson to Headquarters, Irak.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain N. M. Goodman, late Regular Army Reserve of Officers, Worcester Regiment, to be Captain, with seniority July 30th, 1922.

MILITIA.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captains D. M. Lyon and E. A. Wilson to be Majors.

VACANCIES.

BATH: ROYAL MINERAL WATER HOSPITAL.—Physician.

BETHLEM ROYAL HOSPITAL, Lambeth Road, S.E.—Two Resident House-Physicians. Honorarium £25 per quarter.

BIRMINGHAM: ST. CHAD'S HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary £100 per annum.

BOURNEMOUTH: ROYAL VICTORIA AND WEST HANTS HOSPITAL.—Assistant Bacteriologist and Assistant to the Vaccine Inoculation Department.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL, W.C.—(1) Assistant Surgeon. (2) Medical Registrar. (3) Surgical Registrar. Honorarium for (2) and (3) £150 per annum.

COLONIAL SERVICE.—Government Medical Officer in the British Guiana Diamond Fields. Salary £500, with station allowance £200.

DERBYSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) House-Surgeon. (2) Assistant House-Surgeon and Casualty Officer. Salary at the rate of £200 per annum.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY, TRINITY COLLEGE.—Professor of Pathology. Salary £800 per annum, *plus* certain fees.

GOLD COAST GOVERNMENT.—Medical Officer on the Takoradi Harbour Construction Works. Salary £1,000 to £1,200 per annum.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton, S.W.—House-Physician.

HOSPITAL FOR EPILEPSY AND PARALYSIS, Maida Vale, W.—(1) Assistant Physician. (2) House-Physician, salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

LIVERPOOL EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY.—Assistant Aural Surgeon.

MANCHESTER CITY.—Third Assistant Medical Officer of the Baguley Sanatorium. Commencing cash remuneration, including bonus, £391 15s.

MENTAL HOSPITAL, Wells, Somerset.—Assistant Medical Officer (male). Salary £300 per annum.

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, Kingsland Road, E.8.—(1) Senior House-Physician. (2) Senior House-Surgeon. (3) Junior House-Physician. (4) Junior House-Surgeon. (5) Two Casualty Officers. (Male.) Salary £100 per annum. (6) Honorary Anaesthetist (male).

NORTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Honorary Physician.

SOUTH AFRICA UNION GOVERNMENT.—Assistant Physicians in the Union Mental Hospital Service. Salary £460 per annum.

SOUTHAMPTON: FREE EYE HOSPITAL.—Locumtenent Ophthalmic House-Surgeon.

STAFFORD: COTON HILL MENTAL HOSPITAL.—Medical Superintendent (male). Salary £600 per annum.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary £160 per annum.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—Honorary Medical Registrar.

WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NERVOUS DISEASES, Welbeck Street, W.1.—Casualty Physician. Remuneration £200 per annum.

WILLESDEN GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (male, unmarried). Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The following vacant appointments are announced: Kidwelly (Carmarthen), Levenwick (Shetland), Scalloway (Shetland).

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.

APPOINTMENTS.

KEITH, William B., M.D., Superintendent St. Audry's Hospital, Melton, Suffolk, vice Dr. J. R. Whitwell, retired.

NATTRASS, F. J., M.D., Medical Referee under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, for the Gateshead, Hexham and Bellingham, Morpeth and Blyth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, North Shields and South Shields, and Jarrow County Courts (Circuit No. 1).

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—H. C. W. Allott, L.A.H.Dub., for the Rocester District, co. Stafford; L. ap I. Davies, M.B., B.S., for the Dinas Mawddwy District, co. Merioneth.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W.1.—Tues. and Thurs., 5 p.m., Lumleian Lectures by Dr. Thomas McCrae: The Clinical Features of Foreign Bodies in the Bronchi.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—*Section of Therapeutics and Pharmacology:* Tues., 4.30 p.m., Annual General Meeting. Dr. Symes-Thompson: Occurrence of Symptoms following the Simultaneous Use of Adrenaline and Cocaine; Dr. P. Hamill: Use of Atropine in conjunction with Digitalis; Dr. E. C. Andrus: Administration of Digitalis in the form of Powdered Leaf. *Special Meeting of Fellows:* Thurs., 5 p.m., to meet foreign medical officers of health. Communication by Dr. Rajchman (Director of Health Section of League of Nations) on the Health Organization of the League. Address by Mr. J. Wheatley, M.P., Minister of Health. Tea and coffee at 4.30 p.m. *Section of Neurology:* Thurs., 8.30 p.m., Discussion: Value of *X* Rays in Localization of Cerebral and Spinal Tumours, with special reference to Ventriculography and Lipiodol Injections; to be opened by Mr. Percy Sargent and Mr. Geoffrey Jefferson. *Clinical Section:* Fri., 5 p.m., Cases.

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MEDICAL OFFICERS OF SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION, 11, Chandos Street, W.1.—Wed., 5 p.m., Mr. Ernest Clarke: Care of the Sight of School Children.

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4 Fri. London: Post Office Medical Officers' Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m.

8 Tues. City Division: Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road. Dr. T. H. G. Shore will speak on Pathological Specimens with Clinical Notes, 9.30 p.m.

9 Wed. London: Insurance Acts Committee Medical Services Subcommittee, 3.30 p.m.
London: Special Subcommittee *re* Coroners' Law and Death Certification, 3.30 p.m.
Buckinghamshire Division: Clinical Meeting, War Memorial Hospital, High Wycombe. Discussion on subjects of clinical interest to be opened by Sir Joseph Skevington, 3 p.m.
Camberwell Division: Camberwell Infirmary. Paper by Mr. John Everidge on Haematuria: Its Causes, Significance, and Treatment, 9 p.m.
Winchester Division: Royal Hants County Hospital. B.M.A. Lecture by Mr. P. J. Verrall, F.R.C.S., 3 p.m.

10 Thurs. City Division: Dinner and Fancy Dress Dance, Holborn Restaurant, 7.30 p.m.

11 Fri. London: Insurance Acts Committee Royal Commission Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m.
South Suffolk Division: East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, 3.30 p.m.

15 Tues. Kensington Division: Kensington Palace Mansions Hotel, De Vere Gardens, W.8. Address by the Rev. the Hon. Edward Lyttelton, D.D., on Food, Health, and Morals, 8.45 p.m.

16 Wed. London: **Council**, 10 a.m.

17 Thurs. London: Non-Panel Subcommittee, 3.30 p.m.
Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division, Bull Restaurant, Westgate, Wakefield. Paper by Mr. J. W. Thomson on the Treatment of Haemorrhoids, 8 p.m.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.—Museum Demonstrations. Mon., 5 p.m., Mr. C. E. Shattock: Osteomyelitis. Fri., 5 p.m., Sir Arthur Keith: Irregularities in the Growth of the Palate and of Eruption of the Teeth.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.—Thurs., 4 p.m., Mr. Addison: Haematuria. Pyuria.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—4.30 p.m. Lectures: Mon., *X*-ray Appearances of Bone Tumours; Tues., Thyroidal Deficiencies; Wed., Iritis; Thurs., Diagnosis of Rectal Cancer; Fri., Clinical Demonstration.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LYING-IN HOSPITAL, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Thurs., 5 p.m., Mr. Davies: Abortion.

MANCHESTER BABIES' HOSPITAL.—Fri., 5.30 p.m., Dr. Chisholm: Complications met with in the Treatment of Marasmic Infants.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Tues., 4.15 p.m., Dr. E. M. Brockbank: Thoracic Pain.

GLASGOW POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—At Royal Infirmary: Wed., 4.15 p.m., Mr. A. N. McGregor: Surgical Cases.

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DEATHS.

POWELL.—On Saturday, March 29th, 1924, very suddenly, at 2, Unity Square, Lincoln, Thomas Parker Powell, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 52.

TAYLOR.—On March 29th, at Thirty-nine, Weoley Hill, Birmingham, E. Claude Taylor, M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S., aged 53, and formerly of Hampstead.

WILLIAMS.—On March 24th, at Bronheulog, Burry Port, Owen Williams, J.P., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., in his 70th year; dearly loved husband of Emily Williams.

WOODHOUSE.—Katherine Mary (Molly), on March 27th, aged 19 years, daughter of Dr. H. C. and Mrs. Woodhouse of Dawley, Shropshire.

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